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Status	•					
1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on	_•					
	action is non-final.					
3) Since this application is in condition for allowan	Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is					
closed in accordance with the practice under Ex parte Quayle, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.						
Disposition of Claims						
4)⊠ Claim(s) <u>1-20</u> is/are pending in the application.						
4a) Of the above claim(s) is/are withdrawn from consideration.						
5)⊠ Claim(s) <u>1-20</u> is/are allowed.						
6)☐ Claim(s) is/are rejected.						
7) Claim(s) is/are objected to.						
8) Claim(s) are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.						
Application Papers						
9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner	•					
10) The drawing(s) filed on is/are: a) acce	epted or b) objected to by the E	xaminer.				
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11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.						
Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119						
12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f). a) All b) Some * c) None of:						
1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.						
2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No						
3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage						
application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).						
* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.						
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1) Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) 2) Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) 4) Interview Summary (PTO-413) Paper No(s)/Mail Date						
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Quayle Action

1. This application is in condition for allowance except for the following formal matters:

Specification: Page. 5: paragraph (0016), line 2, "<u>latches 17</u>, 20, 22, 24 and 26" and Paragraph (0017), line 4, "<u>shift registers</u> (also called <u>scan chains</u>) <u>17</u>, 20, 22, 24 and 26" is applicant means <u>latches 18</u>, 20, 22, 24 and 26 also called <u>shift registers or scan chains 18</u>, 20, 22, 24 and 26? Appropriate correction and/or clarification is required.

Abstract: The abstract is objected to because it contents more than 150 words.

Applicant is reminded of the proper language and format for an abstract of the disclosure.

The abstract should be in narrative form and generally limited to a single paragraph on a separate sheet within the range of 50 to 150 words. It is important that the abstract not exceed 150 words in length since the space provided for the abstract on the computer tape used by the printer is limited. The form and legal phraseology often used in patent claims, such as "means" and "said," should be avoided. The abstract should describe the disclosure sufficiently to assist readers in deciding whether there is a need for consulting the full patent text for details.

The language should be clear and concise and should not repeat information given in the title. It should avoid using phrases which can be implied, such as, "The disclosure concerns," "The disclosure defined by this invention," "The disclosure describes," etc.

Prosecution on the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex* parte Quayle, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

A shortened statutory period for reply to this action is set to expire **TWO**MONTHS from the mailing date of this letter.

Allowable Subject Matter

2. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: Claims 1-20 are allowable over the art of record. This is because the art of record does not disclose the invention as recited in claims 1,10 and 20, and including:

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determining a first seed signature value associated with the first MISR that induces the first MISR to have a first final signature value comprising a plurality of identical binary values when the first set of devices send valid output data to the first MISR when receiving a first predetermined sequence of input data;

Determining a second seed signature value associated with the second MISR that includes the second MISR to have a second final signature value comprising a plurality of identical binary values when the second set of devices send valid output data to the second MISR when receiving a second predetermined sequence of input data:

Initializing first and second states of the first MISR and the second MISR. respectively, to the first and second signature values, respectively.

Inputting the first and second predetermined sequences of input data to the first and second set of devices, respectively, and generating first and second final signatures values from output data received from the first and second set of devices, respectively; and

Indicating that the first and second set of devices have failed testing when at least one of the plurality of binary values in the first and second signature values are not identical.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably Application/Control Number: 10/721,646

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accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on

Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

3. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the

examiner should be directed to Phung My Chung whose telephone number is 571-272-

3818. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday to Friday.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's

supervisor, Albert Decady can be reached on 571-272-3819. The fax phone number for

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